

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 936

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A RESOLUTION endorsing the AARP's Divided We Fail initiative.

WHEREAS, the opportunity to have access to health care and long-term financial security is a basic need that all Americans share, and it is the foundation for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the AARP, the Business Roundtable, the National Federation of Independent Businesses, and the Service Employees International Union have launched an initiative called Divided We Fail, an effort to encourage millions of Americans to work across party lines to provide answers, action, and accountability on the issues of health care and financial security; and

WHEREAS, Divided We Fail supports the following principles:

- (1) All Americans should have peace of mind about their future long-term financial security;
- (2) All Americans should have access to affordable health care, including prescription drugs, and these costs should not burden future generations;
- (3) Wellness and prevention efforts, including changes in personal behavior such as diet and exercise, should be top national priorities;
- (4) Americans should have choices when it comes to long-term care, allowing them to maintain their independence at home or in their communities with expanded and affordable financing options;
- (5) Our children and grandchildren should have an adequate quality of life when they retire. Social Security must be strengthened without burdening future generations; and

(6) Workers should be provided with financial incentives to save, should have access to effective retirement plans, and should be able to keep working and contributing to society regardless of age; and

(7) Americans of all ages should have access to tools to help manage their finances and save for the future, and better, easier to understand information to help them increase their financial literacy and manage their money wisely; and

WHEREAS, this new American Dream, as envisioned by Divided We Fail, is further predicated on the belief that individuals, businesses, health care providers, non-profit organizations, and government must work together to find solutions – personally, privately, and publicly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that this General Assembly endorses the philosophy and objectives of the AARP's Divided We Fail initiative and we urge all state and federal elected officials and candidates to do the same.